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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2560

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas
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and Yee)*

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An act to add Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to child health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2560, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Public School Health Center Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement and administer various child health and disease prevention programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center Program to perform specified functions relating to the establishment of public school health centers in California, in collaboration with the State Department of Education and the University of California, ~~San Francisco~~ *if the Regents of the University of California choose to participate in the program*. This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to enter into an interagency agreement with the University of California, ~~San Francisco's Institute for Health Policy Studies~~ to establish

standardized data collection procedures and the maintenance of a database of health ~~information on services provided by~~ public school *and local educational agency*, health centers in California, and the tracking of health issues that are unique to school-aged youth, such as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health disorders. The bill would require that the State Department of Health Services convene and participate in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee, composed of specified members, and would prescribe the functions and duties of the advisory committee. This bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Services and the University of California, ~~San Francisco~~, to coordinate efforts to support public school health centers and to provide technical assistance to public school health centers. The bill would require program staff to prepare and submit a biennial report to the Legislature containing specified information regarding public school health care centers, beginning on or before January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174)
2 is added to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and
3 Safety Code, to read:

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5 Article 10. Public School Health Center Program

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7 124174. The department, in cooperation with the State
8 Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health
9 Center Program located in the School Health Connections Office.
10 The Public School Health Center Program shall perform, in
11 collaboration with the State Department of Education and the
12 University of California, ~~San Francisco~~, *if the Regents of the*
13 *University of California choose to participate in this program,*
14 the following functions:

15 (a) Provide outreach and promote enrollment of children in
16 Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program through school
17 health centers.

1 (b) Serve as a liaison between units within the department,
2 including, but not limited to, Medi-Cal, Maternal and Child
3 Health Branch, and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.

4 (c) Serve as a liaison between other state entities, where
5 appropriate, including, but not limited to, the State Department of
6 Mental Health, the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
7 Programs, the Department of Insurance, and the California Office
8 of Homeland Security.

9 (d) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the
10 establishment of health centers in public schools *and local*
11 *educational agencies* by identifying available public and private
12 sources of funding, including federal Medicaid funds, funds from
13 third-party reimbursements, and other available federal grant
14 moneys.

15 (e) *Authorize the department to accept and administer public*
16 *and private grants or moneys to be used, upon appropriation by*
17 *the Legislature, for, but not limited to, the following purposes:*

18 (1) *To prevent and treat obesity and other chronic diseases.*

19 (2) *To prevent and treat mental illness.*

20 (3) *To improve coordination with health care and educational*
21 *systems.*

22 (4) *For other priorities as established by the department.*

23 (f) *The number of grants awarded under this section shall*
24 *depend upon available funding for these purposes.*

25 124174.1. (a) The department shall convene and participate
26 in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee,
27 composed of the following members:

28 (1) The executive director or board president of the California
29 School Health Centers Association.

30 (2) Two representatives of school health centers.

31 (3) A representative of the department's Medical Services
32 Branch.

33 (4) A representative of the State Department of Education.

34 (5) A representative of the California School Nurses
35 Organization.

36 (6) Two youth representatives of the statewide policy
37 leadership program on school health.

38 (7) A parent or adult consumer of school health center services
39 or other community leader involved with school health centers.

40 (8) *A representative of the California Dental Association.*

(b) A total of ~~seven~~ *six* members composed of any combination of the following:

(1) A representative of the State PTA.

(2) A physician.

(3) A representative of the California Office of Homeland Security.

(4) A representative of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.

(5) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.

(6) A representative of the Department of Finance.

(7) A representative of the State Senate.

(8) A representative of the State Assembly.

(9) A representative of a managed care organization.

(10) A representative of a private foundation.

(11) A local health officer.

(12) A dental health professional.

(c) The advisory committee shall meet twice annually and shall advise the Public School Health Center Program on school health center financing, data collection, and coordination with other programs, and shall provide technical assistance.

124174.2. (a) The department shall enter into an interagency ~~agreement with the Institute for Health Policy Studies, located at~~ *agreement with the University of California, San Francisco, to* establish standardized data collection and maintain a database of ~~information on public school health centers in California. health~~ *services provided by public school, and LEA, health centers.*

(b) The data collected shall include:

(1) Contact information for each public school health center.

(2) The annual number ~~served by~~ *of schoolaged children receiving health or mental health services from the public school, or LEA, health center.*

(3) The type and volume of services provided by the public school, *or LEA, health center.*

(4) Funding mechanisms used by the public school, *or LEA, health center.*

(5) Information on other programs offered by the public school health centers with an emphasis on preventative health services which address health issues unique to school-aged youth including, but not limited to, childhood obesity, asthma,

1 immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and
2 adolescent mental health disorders.

3 (c) Local educational agencies shall be encouraged, but not
4 required, to provide data to the ~~Institute for Health Policy Studies~~
5 *University of California*.

6 124174.3. The State Department of Education shall perform
7 both of the following functions, in collaboration with the
8 department and the University of California, ~~San Francisco~~:

9 (a) Coordinate programs which support school health centers
10 within the State Department of Education and with programs
11 located in the State Department of Mental Health and the State
12 Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, where appropriate.

13 (b) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the
14 establishment of health centers in public schools by sharing
15 information among local education agencies regarding facilities
16 utilization, liability insurance, cooperative agreements with
17 community-based providers, and other issues pertinent to health
18 centers in public schools.

19 124174.4. The Public School Health Center Program, in
20 collaboration with the State Department of Education, shall act as
21 a liaison for school-based health centers and submit to the
22 Legislature, beginning on or before January, 1, 2009, a biennial
23 report that includes information on all of the following:

24 (a) The number and geographic distribution of public school,
25 *or LEA*, health centers.

26 (b) The type and volume of health and mental health services
27 provided by public school, *or LEA*, health centers.

28 (c) A description of any potential benefits to expanding state
29 support for public school, *or LEA*, health centers.

30 (d) A description of state funds used by public school, *or LEA*,
31 health centers.

32 (e) A description of any obstacles to the financial
33 sustainability of public school, *or LEA*, health centers, and any
34 necessary policy changes that would address those financial
35 obstacles.